

[18th August 1925]

(d) The following is a list of concerns at present test-audited by Messrs. Fraser & Ross :—

- (1) Government Industrial Institute, Madras
- (2) Nilambur Valley forests.
- (3) Willingdon House, Ootacamund.
- (4) Wynad forests.
- (5) Mount Stuart Working Circle.
- (6) Industrial Engineer's Workshop.
- (7) Leather Trades Institute.
- (8) Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor.
- (9) Cinchona Department.
- (10) Government Industrial Institute, Madras.

In addition to the work of test-audit, Messrs. Fraser & Ross draw out trading and profit and loss accounts and balance sheets for these concerns. Of these, Nos. (1), (2), (5), (6), (9) and (10) have been commercialised from 1st April 1925 and Messrs. Fraser & Ross will from that date do the complete audit as they now do for the Russellkonda Saw Mill, the Kerala Soap Institute and the Chaliyam Cannery.

Management of the Fruit Preserving Institute at Coonoor.

* 59 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor, is to be placed under the management of a party unconnected with the Industries Department and unacquainted with the line of work;

(b) whether the party runs a dairy farm at Ootacamund and has no experience at all of jam-making and fruit-preservation; and

(c) whether Government are satisfied that there is none in the Industries Department at present who could be entrusted with the management of the Institute on grounds of economy and better results?

A.—(a) & (b) A temporary Business Manager has been appointed from outside the department in place of the late Manager who was also appointed on a temporary basis from outside the department. The Manager's duties are connected with the business side of the concern and especially the sales of the products of the Institute and not with the manufacturing processes which are supervised by the factory assistant. The former is a whole-time officer and has no connexion with any dairy at Ootacamund. He has no experience of jam-making.

(c) No suitable officer was available in the department.

The post of Rubber Mycologist.

* 60 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) when the post of Rubber Mycologist was created; and

(b) what are the duties assigned to the incumbent holding the post?